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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SCOTT G. MEIKLE
APPLICATION No.: 10/662,901
FILED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2003
FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORMING A PLANARIZING PAD
HAVING A FILM AND TEXTURE
ELEMENTS FOR PLANARIZATION OF
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES**

EXAMINER: LAN VINH
ART UNIT: 1765
CONF. No: 1279

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance


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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed July 31, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 24-34. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner in the Office Action dated May 25, 2006 and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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